#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA

# BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS

TO: JUST ESCROW
6303 Owensmouth Avenue, 10th Floor
Woodland Hills, California 91367

License # 963-2063

### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered into as of October 11, 2007, by and between the California Corporations Commissioner ("Commissioner"), on the one hand, and Just Escrow, on the other hand, (hereinafter collectively "the parties").

## **RECITALS**

This Agreement is made with reference to the following facts:

- A. Just Escrow is a corporation in good standing, duly formed and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of California, and authorized to conduct business in this State. Just Escrow has its principal place of business located at 6303 Owensmouth Avenue, 10th Floor, Woodland Hills, California 91367.
- B. Just Escrow holds a license with the Commissioner under the California Escrow Law pursuant to California Financial Code sections 17000 *et seq.* (License No. 963-2063).
- C. On or about October 3, 2007, the Commissioner issued an Order Imposing Penalties Pursuant to California Financial Code section 17408 (the "Order") to Just Escrow for violations of California Financial Code section 17406, a copy of which is attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit "1." Just Escrow was served with the Order on or about October 5, 2007.
- D. It is the intention and desire of the parties to resolve this matter without the necessity of a hearing and/or other litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, and the terms and conditions set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

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#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. <u>Purpose</u>. The purpose of this Agreement is to settle and resolve the matters between the parties hereto, for judicial economy and expediency, and to avoid the expense of a hearing, and possible further court proceedings.
- 2. Waiver of Hearing Rights. Just Escrow acknowledges its right to a hearing under the California Escrow Law in connection with the Order and hereby waives its right to a hearing, and to any reconsideration, appeal, or other right to review which may be afforded pursuant to the California Escrow Law, the California Administrative Procedure Act, the California Code of Civil Procedure, or any other provision of law, and by waiving such rights, consents to the Order becoming final.
- 3. <u>Admissions</u>. Just Escrow admits the findings contained in the Order. The admissions of Just Escrow is solely for the limited purposes of this proceeding and any future proceeding(s) that may be initiated by or brought before the Commissioner against Just Escrow, or any of the officers, directors, shareholders, or employees of Just Escrow.
- 4. <u>Penalty</u>. Just Escrow hereby agrees to pay to the Commissioner the penalty imposed by the October 3, 2007 Order totaling THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$3,800.00). Just Escrow shall pay the penalty by way of two (2) equal installments as follows:
  - (a) The first penalty installment shall be in the amount of \$1,900.00 ("Payment One") and shall take place on of the Effective Date of this Settlement Agreement.
  - (b) The second penalty installment shall be in the amount of \$1,900.00 ("Payment Two") and shall take place within thirty (30) days after Payment One.

In the event the payment due date falls on a weekend or holiday, the payment shall be due the next business day. Just Escrow shall make Payments One and Two by cashier's check, made payable to the California Department of Corporations delivered to the attention of Blaine A. Noblett, Corporations Counsel.

5. <u>Future Actions by the Commissioner</u>. The Commissioner reserves the right to bring future action(s) against Just Escrow, or any of the officers, directors, shareholders, or employees of Just Escrow for any and all unknown or future violations of the California Escrow Law.

This Agreement shall not serve to exculpate Just Escrow or any of the officers, directors, shareholders, or employees of Just Escrow from liability for any and all unknown or future violations of the California Escrow Law.

- 6. <u>Failure to Remit Penalty Payment or Timely Remit Penalty Payment</u>. Just Escrow acknowledges that failure to make any payment installment under this Agreement or to timely pay any payment installment under this Agreement shall be a breach of this Agreement and shall be cause for the Commissioner to immediately revoke any licenses held by, and/or deny any pending application(s) of Just Escrow, its successors and assigns, by whatever names they might be known. Just Escrow hereby waives any notice and hearing rights to contest such revocations and/or denial(s) which may be afforded under the California Escrow Law, the California Administrative Procedure Act, the California Code of Civil Procedure, or any other provision of law in connection therewith.
- 7. <u>Effective Date</u>. This Agreement shall not become effective until signed, and delivered by all parties.
- 8. <u>Settlement Agreement Coverage</u>. Except as otherwise provided, the parties hereby acknowledge and agree that this Agreement is intended to constitute a full, final and complete resolution of this matter. The parties further acknowledge and agree that nothing contained in this Agreement shall operate to limit the Commissioner's ability to assist any other agency, (county, state or federal) with any prosecution, administrative, civil or criminal, brought by any such agency against Just Escrow based upon any of the activities alleged in this matter or otherwise.
- 9. <u>Independent Legal Advice</u>. Each of the parties represents, warrants, and agrees that they have been advised to seek independent legal advice from an attorney with respect to the advisability of executing this Agreement.
- 10. No Other Representation. Each of the parties represents, warrants, and agrees that in executing this Agreement it has relied solely on the statements set forth herein and the advice of its own counsel. Each of the parties further represents, warrants, and agrees that in executing this Agreement it has placed no reliance on any statement, representation, or promise of any other party, or any other person or entity not expressly set forth herein, or upon the failure of any party or any other person or entity to make any statement, representation or disclosure of anything whatsoever.

The parties have included this clause: (1) to preclude any claim that any party was in any way fraudulently induced to execute this Agreement; and (2) to preclude the introduction of parol evidence to vary, interpret, supplement, or contradict the terms of this Agreement.

- 11. <u>Modifications and Qualified Integration</u>. No amendment, change or modification of this Agreement shall be valid or binding to any extent unless it is in writing and signed by all of the parties affected by it.
- 12. <u>Full Integration</u>. This Agreement, including the attached Order, Exhibit "1," is the final written expression and the complete and exclusive statement of all the agreements, conditions, promises, representations, and covenants between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supercedes all prior or contemporaneous agreements, negotiations, representations, understandings, and discussions between and among the parties, their respective representatives, and any other person or entity, with respect to the subject matter covered hereby.
- 13. No Presumption From Drafting. In that the parties have had the opportunity to draft, review and edit the language of this Agreement, no presumption for or against any party arising out of drafting all or any part of this Agreement will be applied in any action relating to, connected, to, or involving this Settlement Agreement. Accordingly, the parties waive the benefit of California Civil Code section 1654 and any successor or amended statute, providing that in cases of uncertainty, language of a contract should be interpreted most strongly against the party who caused the uncertainty to exist.
- 14. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts by the parties, and when each party has signed and delivered at least one such counterpart to the other party, each counterpart shall be deemed an original and taken together shall constitute one and the same Agreement.
- 15 <u>Headings and Governing Law</u>. The headings to the paragraphs of this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and will not be deemed a part hereof or affect the construction or interpretation of the provisions hereof. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and governed by, the laws of the State of California.

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16. <u>Authority For Settle</u>	ement. Each party warrants and represents that such party is fully
entitled and duly authorized to ente	er into and deliver this Agreement. In particular, and without
limiting the generality of the foreg	oing, each party warrants and represents that it is fully entitled to
enter into the covenants, and under	take the obligations set forth herein.
17. <u>Public Record</u> . Just	Escrow hereby acknowledges that this Agreement will be a
matter of public record.	
18. <u>Voluntary Agreeme</u>	ent. The parties each represent and acknowledge that he, she or it
is executing this Agreement compl	etely voluntarily and without any duress or undue influence of
any kind from any source.	
19. <u>Notices</u> . Notice sha	all be provided to each party at the following addresses:
If to Just Escrow to:	6303 Owensmouth Avenue, 10th Floor Woodland Hills, California 91367
	Attn: Kaleem Sheikh
	President
If to the Commissioner to:	Blaine A. Noblett
	Corporations Counsel Enforcement Division
	Department of Corporations
	320 W. 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 750
	Los Angeles, CA 90013-2344
IN WITNESS WHEREOF,	the Parties hereto have approved and executed this Agreement on
the dates set forth opposite their re	spective signatures.
Dated:	PRESTON DuFAUCHARD
	California Corporations Commissioner
	By
	ALAN S. WEINGER
	Lead Corporations Counsel
	Enforcement Division

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